

Pendleton Juvenile Students and Staff Assist Habitat for Humanity

Indianapolis, Indiana (September 3, 2009) – Giving back to the community is something the Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) actively promotes to its staff and offenders. This week, Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility (PNJCF) employees and students came together to give their time to a good cause.

On Wednesday, September 2, seven PNJCF staff members and four students assisted Habitat for Humanity of Madison County. The students and staff worked alongside the other community volunteers and raised all the trusses for the roof of a house being built for Habitat for Humanity.



PNJCF students and staff assist Habitat for Humanity in Anderson.

Additionally, Anderson Mayor Kris Ockoman arrived for a dedication ceremony and personally thanked all the PNJCF staff and students for their community service. The build went so smoothly that the community volunteers personally requested the PNJCF staff and students return as soon as possible.

As part of the IDOC's Division of Youth Services new initiatives, students are active in community service projects as part of the Balanced and Restorative Justice model, which promotes youth contributing and giving back to society for their crimes and for the harm caused to communities and their victims.

"Community service projects such as these are valuable for not only the students involved, but also the staff and the community as a whole. The students gain a sense of hope and pride knowing their volunteer work is appreciated," said IDOC Commissioner Edwin G. Buss.

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